The dog days of summer here at Vanderbilt University Medical Center bring more than just the heat but also a hot new academic year. Over the summer we have welcomed new classes of students, residents and fellows. New faculty and staff have also kicked off their VUMC careers. The department has been full of new faces this summer.

Along with new faces, we continue to expand the boundaries of our clinical services and innovations. I am sure you’ve heard about Vanderbilt University Medical Center performing its first dual heart and liver transplant surgery in late June. Drs. Willem Lombard, Michael Pilla and Kelly Kohorst were a part of the team that gave U.S. Coast Guard veteran Michael Wilcher a new heart and liver. Also in the news, the Critical Care Division spun up VUMC’s first ever eICU program, reaching out to Kentucky’s Jennie Stuart Hospital to inaugurate a new Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network program.

A “congratulations” and “thank you” to Dr. Amy Robertson for taking on the role of Associate Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, and to Dr. Michael Pilla for taking on the new role of Associate Division Chief, Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology. Amy and Michael will work with Dr. Mark Rice on clinical enterprise and general anesthesiology leadership. The department and faculty’s accomplishments have been numerous since the last issue of the Monitor, and these specific mentions are just a sample.

At the institutional level, Vanderbilt University Medical Center has once again been named the number one hospital in Tennessee and among the country’s finest providers of adult specialty care by U.S. News & World Report. We’re extending that clinical umbrella over more patients over the next several years through a series of strategic building projects that are adding bustle and the sound of progress all over campus.

The EpicLeap development team are systematically moving through the thousands of tasks involved in building VUMC’s new EMR. Befitting a new start of the academic year, it’s time for everyone to begin training! Take a break to read about our annual events over the next few pages, such as the Dr. James Phythyon Endowed Lectureship, the VIA Fundraiser, the Research Symposium and our Annual Recognition & Awards Ceremony. These events are important, as they showcase our department’s continuing excellence and efforts.

Phythyon lecture focuses on pediatric spine fusion

The 12th annual Dr. James Phythyon Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Anesthesiology took place on Monday, May 19, 2017, and featured Dolores Njoku, MD.

The focus of the lectureship was on understanding the outcomes from pediatric spine fusion.

Dr. Njoku is an associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care medicine, pathology, and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. She also serves as the director of the Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellowship program.

She is the founder and director of PEDI-20, which is a novel pediatric anesthesiology educational/training program at Johns Hopkins. She’s also the vice chair of programs for the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research and a member of several professional organizations.
The 13th Annual Research Symposium was held on Friday, April 28, 2017. The symposium highlights the current research of our clinical investigators, our translational investigators and our basic scientists. The featured speaker was Jean-François Pitett, MD, who holds many professional titles, including Editor-in-Chief of *Anesthesia & Analgesia*. The topic of his lecture was blood transfusions, coagulation abnormalities and severe trauma.
On Friday, June 16, 2017, our department held its annual Recognition & Awards Ceremony, which celebrates the notable accomplishments and outstanding efforts of faculty and residents.

Congratulations to Mark Rice, MD, for receiving the Volker I. Striepe Award for the second year in a row, for excellence in teaching. Yandong Jiang, MD, PhD, received the B.E. Smith Mentorship Award for demonstrating excellence in mentoring a fellow department member.

The James Tayloe Gwathmey Award, which is given to a medical student for exceptional academic potential entering the specialty of anesthesiology, was awarded to Monica Bhutiani, MD.
Dr. Brian Allen and previous fellows, Dr. Jeffery Clemons and Dr. Brandon Rein, represented the department’s newly ACGME accredited Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Fellowship at ASRA’s 42nd Annual Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine Meeting in San Francisco, California.

Our department presented 10 abstracts (of the 41 total abstracts accepted) at the 32nd annual meeting of the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia (SAMBA).

- Dr. Vik Bansal presented four abstracts during the moderated poster sessions and was invited to sit on the Regional Committee.
- Dr. Louise Alexander was unable to attend the meeting, but Dr. Katherine Dobie presented her work “Sterile Gloves for ultrasound-guided peripheral nerve blocks: time to re-evaluate?” which received 3rd place for “Excellence and Innovation in Research.”
- Dr. Jane Brock presented three abstracts and continues to serve on the SCOR committee.
- Dr. Katherine Dobie presented two abstracts, will sit on the Scientific Papers Committee, and will serve as co-moderator for the poster sessions next year.
- Congratulations to all the first authors who sent abstracts (those not mentioned above: Dr. Eric Briggs, Dr. Stephen Harvey, Jordan C. Miller, CRNA, Dr. Chris Sobey and Dr. Chris Canlas).

Dr. E. Jane Brock has been appointed by Governor Haslam to the Tennessee Department of Health Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities now through June 2020.

Dr. Peter Chin has been promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology.

Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld has been promoted to Professor of Anesthesiology. He was senior author on a study, “Demographic Predictors of NPO Violations in Elective Pediatric Surgery,” that has been selected for the 2017 Mary Hanna Memorial Journal Award from the Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing. First author on the article was Betsy Beazley, RN, CPN, from Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. Articles considered for this award were published during the 2016 volume year. Each published article was considered by a panel of perianesthesia nurses and independent reviewers from other specialties. Selection criteria included journalistic style, originality, clarity of expression, relevance of content to the specialty and overall contribution to the collection of published nursing knowledge.

The department was well-represented at the annual meeting of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP). Posters were presented by faculty, residents and four former, current, and future fellows.

- Dr. Holly Endes’s poster, “The impact of labor prior to cesarean delivery on postoperative pain and opioid consumption,” received a Top 15 Research Poster Award.
- Dr. Michael Richardson’s poster, “Opioid prescription/patient use mismatch: prospective cohort study of post-discharge opioid use following cesarean,” received the Patient Safety Award and a Top 15 Research Poster Award.

Dr. Andrew Franklin has been appointed to serve as an adjunct member on three ASA committees: ASA Committee on Pediatric Anesthesia, ASA Educational Track Subcommittee on Pediatric Anesthesia and ASA Review Subcommittee on Pediatric Anesthesia.

Dr. Robert Freundlich was accepted into the VUMC Faculty Research Scholars Program (VUMC’s internal K-award program).

Dr. Raj Gupta served on the Social Media Committee for the Spring 2017 meeting of the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. (ASRA), where he hosted Facebook Live interviews with meeting attendees.

At the 2017 annual meeting of the American Society for Enhanced Recovery (ASER), Dr. Brittany Raymond presented her abstract titled “An Evaluation of Patients’ Perceptions Regarding Use of the ACS NSQIP Surgical Risk Calculator During Preoperative Risk Discussion.”

Dr. Douglas Hester is taking on the role of Resident Simulation Director. Hester said when he thinks about the future of the Simulation Education program, he is most excited about continuing the great work so many have done to assist our residents.

Rachel Herrmann has been promoted to Senior Financial Analyst.

Julie Kapelan has advanced to a CSL position on day shift. Julie will assist with the onboarding and training of our new staff on dayshift. Julie will also be able to assist with IGEM recerts.

Judy Lashbrook has been promoted to Business Process Manager.

Dr. Marcos Lopez and Dr. Christina Hayhurst’s abstracts received Kosaka Best of Meeting awards at the 2017 annual meeting of the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS). Of the 600 total abstracts presented at the conference, only 30 received this recognition.

Buffy Lupear, Senior Quality and Patient Advisor, was honored as Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year at Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s 2017 Nursing Honors program.

Dr. Letha Mathews presented Grand Rounds for the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Louisville on Friday, March 3, 2017. Her topic was “Neuroanesthesiology: History and Update.”

Dr. Matt McEvoy has been promoted to Professor of Anesthesiology. He was also appointed to a two-year term as an adjunct member of the ASA Committee on Research.

Dr. Kelly McQueen delivered her TEDx Talk, “Solving the Global Anesthesia Crisis” on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, at HEALTHNEXT, an official TEDx Nashville Event focused on health and healthcare. She also presented at the 47th world Congress of Surgery on Monday, Aug. 14.

Sarah Moroz, Research Assistant II in CRiSS, was accepted into Vanderbilt University’s Master of Public Health (MPH) program.

Dr. Joe Schlesinger’s research team presented their frequency-selective silencing device to enhance ICU patient recovery at Vanderbilt Engineering’s Design Day, and their work was accepted to the International Conference for Auditory Display (ICAD).

Emma Schremp, Research Assistant II in CRiSS, was accepted into Vanderbilt University School of Medicine’s Master of Laboratory Investigation (MLI) degree program.

Dr. Edward Sherwood was invited to join the Medical Scientist Training Program Admissions Committee.

Dr. Loren Smith has been promoted to Assistant Professor.

Dr. Chris Sobey received the Team Award at the Leadership Assembly at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017.

Katie Tippey, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in CRiSS, served as Chief Tech Officer of a TechVenture Challenge team designated by Vanderbilt’s Center for Technology Transfer and Commercialization (CTTC) to
develop a plan to commercialize an autism driving simulation device developed in a research lab at Vanderbilt. The team received 1st place for its final competition pitch to venture capitalists.

Grace Umutesi, Associate Program Manager for Vanderbilt International Anesthesia (VIA), graduated in May from Vanderbilt’s Master of Public Health program.

Dr. Camila Walters was the recipient of a 2017 Society of Critical Care Medicine Presidential Citation for outstanding contributions. This award recognizes SCCM members who have made extraordinary contributions of time, energy, and resources to SCCM during the previous year.

Dr. Jonathan Wanderer has been selected as an Associate Member of the Association of University Anesthesiologists (AUA). He is now an ABA Part 2 Examiner. Dr. Wanderer has also become a member of the ASA’s Core Measurement Development Group, as well as the Epic Reporting Brain Trust and the Epic Cost & Quality Brain Trust. In addition, Dr. Wanderer has been selected to serve on the Epic Adult Anesthesia Steering Board, 2017. Twelve physicians from across the country were chosen from a pool of many truly outstanding candidates to serve on the board.

La’Keisha Horton, Senior Administrative Assistant for Division of Multispeciality Adult Anesthesiology, was presented with the Department Staff Credo Award at the July 26, 2017 All-Staff Meeting.

Dr. Amy Robertson has been named Associate Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs.

Dr. Michael Pilla has been named Associate Chief of the Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology Division.

The Anesthesiologists Are Coming

2017 ASA Annual Alumni Reception

SAVE THE DATE
10.22.17
5pm to 10pm
The Envoy Hotel
Lookout Rooftop Bar
70 Sleeper Street
Boston, MA

Co-Hosted By
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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N E W S
Match Day 2017: Our new PGY-1 class

Department of Anesthesiology - PGY-1 Class of 2017-2018

Amanda Bennett  
University of Central Florida College of Medicine

Monica Bhutiani  
Purdue University School of Medicine

Manuel Cavazos  
University of Texas School of Medicine at San Antonio

Lauren-Nicole Geb  
University of Central Florida College of Medicine

Kyle Hamm  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Chris Lensing  
Creighton University School of Medicine

James Martin  
Penn State University College of Medicine

Simon Martin  
University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine

Melissa McKittrick  
University of Kansas School of Medicine

Atish Patel  
University of Florida College of Medicine

Christian Pearson  
University of Missouri-Columbia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Andreas Plackis  
University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine

Jesse Ream  
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

Chris Tufts  
USF Health Morsani College of Medicine

Rachel Wood  
Harvard Medical School

Ethan Young  
University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine

Matt Zapf  
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

Amy Zhang  
Medical College of Wisconsin

NEW DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Loise Alexander, MD  
Instructor  
Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology

EDUCATION:  
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)  
MD, University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC (2013)  
BS in Biological Sciences, Clemson University, Clemson, SC (2007)

FUN FACT:  
I love Bluegrass music.

Elma Alukic  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology

EDUCATION:  
Medical Assistant Graduate, Kaplan Career Institute, Nashville, TN (2010)

FUN FACT:  
I am originally from Yugoslavia. I speak, read, and write the language fluently. I play and coach soccer.

Sara Anderson  
Clinical/Translational Research Coordinator III  
Research

EDUCATION:  
BA in Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN (2003)

FUN FACT:  
I served two years in AmeriCorps NCCC after college.

Andrew Avery  
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:  
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)  
MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX (2014)  
BS in Chemistry, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR (2010)

FUN FACT:  
There was a time in my life when I and a merry band of high school friends dressed up as elves on the weekends and LARPed. Dragon Crest.
Christina Boncyk, MD  
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics, Madison, WI (2017)
MD, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, WI (2013)
BS in Molecular and Cell Biology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (2008)

FUN FACT:  
I love to play golf.  
I'm a Green Bay Packers fan.

Mark Bombulie, MD  
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)
MD, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX (2013)
BS in Molecular and Cell Biology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (2008)

FUN FACT:  
I love to shoot pool and my team won the State Championship and all expense paid trip for a week in Las Vegas to play in the Championship Games.

David Byrne, MD  
Interventional Pain Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)
MD, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX (2013)
BS in Psychology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (2009)

FUN FACT:  
I like to snowboard.

Regina Bailey  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
Ambulatory Anesthesiology

Fun Fact:  
I love to shoot pool and my team won the State Championship and all expense paid trip for a week in Las Vegas to play in the Championship Games.

Lane Crawford, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology

EDUCATION:
Fellowship, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA (2016)
Residency, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA (2015)
MD, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN (2011)
BA in English, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (2007)

FUN FACT:  
As an undergrad at Vanderbilt, I was in the marching band for 4 years and captain of the color guard.

Debra Craven  
Clinical Trials Manager  
Perioperative Clinical Research Institute

EDUCATION:  
MMHC, Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management, Nashville, TN (2016)  
MS in Nursing, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN  
BS in Microbiology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

FUN FACT:  
I enjoy traveling and have been to many countries around the world.

Bridget Frosina  
Project Manager  
Administration

EDUCATION:  
BA in Human Development and Family Studies, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (2009)

FUN FACT:  
I used to speak four languages: English, Spanish, Italian, and Greek.

Renee Chamberlain  
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

EDUCATION:  
MS in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nursing, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL (2016)  
BS in Nursing, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS (2008)

FUN FACT:  
I'm new to Nashville and excited to explore the town and restaurant scene.

Jeffery Gartner, MD  
Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:  
Residency, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL (2017)  
MD, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI (2013)  
BA in Government, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY (2007)

FUN FACT:  
I play the piano.
Russell Gentry
CRNA

EDUCATION:
DNP in Nursing (Anesthesiology), Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (2015)
MS in Nursing, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL (1996)
BS in Nursing, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL (1994)

FUN FACT:
I love the outdoors.

Michael Kazior, MD
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (2017)
MD, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, Richmond, VA (2013)
BS in American History and Biology, Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA (2009)

FUN FACT:
I spent a semester studying abroad in St. Andrews, Scotland.

Kelly Kohorst, MD
Assistant Professor Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology

EDUCATION:
Fellowship, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2016)
MD, Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Nashville, TN (2012)
BS in Biology, Murray State University, Murray, KY (2008)

FUN FACT:
I am a Bridge player.

Bradly Kook, MD
Obstetric Anesthesiology Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)
MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI (2013)
BS in Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (2013)

FUN FACT:
I enjoy hiking and being outdoors.

Meghan Kramer
Research Assistant I

EDUCATION:
BA in Biology, Berea College, Berea, KY (2017)

FUN FACT:
I have a minor in Spanish from undergrad.

Eugene Leytin, MD
Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Case Western Reserve University of Metrohealth Medical Center, Clevelan, OH (2017)
MD, Saba University School of Medicine, Saba, Netherland Antilles (2013)
MS, Saba University School of Medicine, Saba, Netherland Antilles (2011)
BS in Anthropology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2007)

FUN FACT:
I make mead.

Joshua Hozella, MD
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Beaumont Health, Royal Oak, MI (2017)
MD from Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA (2012)
BS, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (2008)

FUN FACT:
I like cooking and ceramics.

Ognjen Katan, MD
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University, Chicago, IL (2017)
MD, Mayo Medical School, Rochester, MN (2013)
BS in Biological Sciences, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI (2009)

FUN FACT:
I enjoy travel, trying new restaurants, exercising, and spending time with my friends and family.

Christy George, MD
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:
BA in Biology, Berea College, Berea, KY (2017)

FUN FACT:
I have a minor in Spanish from undergrad.

Jenelle Grewell
Communications Coordinator
Office of the Chair

EDUCATION:
BA in Print and Web Journalism, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN (2012)

FUN FACT:
I am a huge nerd who enjoys video games, cosplay, anime, makeup, and spooky stuff.

Bradly Kook, MD
Obstetric Anesthesiology Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)
MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI (2013)
BS in Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (2013)

FUN FACT:
I enjoy hiking and being outdoors.

Meghan Kramer
Research Assistant I

EDUCATION:
BA in Biology, Berea College, Berea, KY (2017)

FUN FACT:
I have a minor in Spanish from undergrad.

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EDUCATION:
Residency, Case Western Reserve University of Metrohealth Medical Center, Clevelan, OH (2017)
MD, Saba University School of Medicine, Saba, Netherland Antilles (2013)
MS, Saba University School of Medicine, Saba, Netherland Antilles (2011)
BS in Anthropology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2007)

FUN FACT:
I make mead.
Kristi Lorenzen  
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellow  

**EDUCATION:**  
Residency, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE  
MD, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, Denver, CO (2012)  
BS, Biology, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (2008)  

**FUN FACT:**  
I used to row for a Division I crew team in college.

Puneet Mishra, MD  
Interventional Pain Fellow  

**EDUCATION:**  
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)  
MD, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN (2013)  
BS in Neuroscience, Nashville, TN (2008)  

**FUN FACT:**  
I played division II college basketball in Hawaii, learned how to ski during residency in Utah, first physician in my family.

Marian Murphy, MD  
Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellow  

**EDUCATION:**  
Residency, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT (2014)  
MD, Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Vallejo, CA (2013)  
BA in Biology, Chaminade University of Honolulu, Honolulu, HI (2008)  

**FUN FACT:**  
I maintain a collection of rainbowfish from Papua New Guinea and Australia, and do a lot of African wildlife photography.

Ryan Oosthuysen, MD  
Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellow  

**EDUCATION:**  
Residency, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2017)  
MD, University of Colorado, Aurora, CO (2013)  
BS in Biology, Covenant College, Mount Berry, GA (2008)  

**FUN FACT:**  
I was a competitive gymnast growing up, love animals, and was born the day the Challenger space shuttle exploded.

Jillian Powell  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology  

**EDUCATION:**  
BS in Communication Disorders and Sciences, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL (2013)  

**FUN FACT:**  
I have traveled to several different countries and I cheered in college.

Brittany Raymond, MD  
Obstetric Anesthesiology Fellow  

**EDUCATION:**  
Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN (2017)  
MD, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA (2013)  
BS in Applied Physiology and Kinesiology, University of Florida (2008)  

**FUN FACT:**  
I like to backpack alone to different countries.

Mary Rhee, MD  
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellow  

**EDUCATION:**  
Residency, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2017)  
MD, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL (2013)  
BS in Biology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (2007)  

**FUN FACT:**  
I have a history in vocal performance with professional experience singing opera and classical music as well as jazz and swing.

Gale Rowe  
CRNA  

**EDUCATION:**  
MS in Nursing (Anesthesiology), MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, KS (1996)  
BA in Biology, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA (1993)  

**FUN FACT:**  
Our family’s favorite way to spend vacations is touring and hiking national parks across America.
Jeremy Walco, MD
Anesthesiology
Critical Care Medicine Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Columbia Medical Center, New York, NY (2016)
MD, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY (2013)
BS in Nursing, University of Alabama, Capstone College of Nursing, Tuscaloosa, AL

FUN FACT:
I play NCAA Sprint Football for Cornell.

Joseph Ethan Simpson
CRNA

EDUCATION:
DNP in Nursing (Anesthesiology), Union University, Jackson, TN (2016)
MS in Nursing, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN (2012)
BS in Nursing, University of Alabama, Capstone College of Nursing, Tuscaloosa, AL

Laura Sorabella, MD
Assistant Professor
Multispecialty Adult Anesthesiology Fellow

EDUCATION:
Residency, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA (2017)
MD, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (2016)
BS in Neurobiology & Behavior, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (2013)

FUN FACT:
I grew up in a town of only 800 people.

Genevieve Staudt, MD
Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellow

EDUCATION:
Fellowship, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (2016)
Residency, Harvard University’s Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts (2015)
MD, University of California, Los Angeles, CA (2011)
BS in Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL (2007)

FUN FACT:
My favorite food is avocado, which I eat every day on toast for lunch.

Tanya Steinback
Senior Administrative Assistant
Administration

EDUCATION:
Administrative Assistant Diploma, Dover Business College, Parsippany, NJ (2013)
BS in Neurobiology & Behavior, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (2009)

FUN FACT:
I work the Tennessee Renaissance Festival every May. I am a Girl Scout Award recipient.

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**Compassionate:** Offering exceptional perioperative care and pain management to a complex population.

**Creative:** Advancing the frontiers of science, healthcare and technology.

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  - Vanderbilt University Medical Center

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  - Chief, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
- **Mark Rice, MD**
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- **Ann Walia, MBBS**
  - Chief, Veterans Affairs Anesthesiology Service